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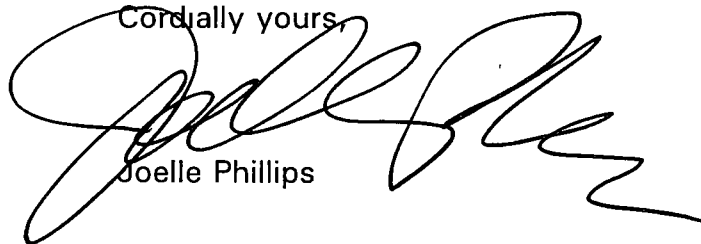
Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance
(InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of
the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of *BellSouth's Motion
Regarding Procedural Process*.

Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Cordially yours,



Joelle Phillips

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

June 3, 2004

In Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long
Distance (InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to
Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 97-00309

MOTION REGARDING PROCEDURAL PROCESS

On May 13, 2004, BellSouth filed a motion in this docket for the adoption of a new performance assurance plan, as it was entitled to do pursuant to the order implementing the 271 Settlement in this docket. BellSouth believes that this docket is the appropriate docket in which to review this matter, and no party has objected to addressing these matters within this docket. In fact, in its response filed on May 20, 2004, CompSouth expressly noted its agreement that this docket is the proper docket which to evaluate BellSouth's petition or "any Motion to amend the current plan", in light of the significant record already established in this docket. See CompSouth Response at page 2, note 2. Consequently, there was never any need to address BellSouth's filing in any other docket, and BellSouth believes that the opening of a new docket (04-00150) was merely a procedural error. Similarly, there is no need for activity related to this matter to be conducted in Docket 01-00193.


There is no advantage to be gained by, nor are there procedural rules requiring, the use of multiple dockets to consider the issues relating to BellSouth's motion. Rather, BellSouth believes that the best course is for all such review to

occur within a single docket in order to avoid the potential for inconsistency, substantial duplication of efforts, and confusion. Consequently, BellSouth urges the Authority to close Dockets 01-00193 and 04-00150 and, to that end, is filing motions contemporaneously in those other dockets seeking that relief. For ease of reference, copies of those Motions are attached. The Authority has consistently demonstrated its commitment to consistent orders and avoiding, whenever possible, the potential for inconsistent results resulting from separate dockets. In this instance, these goals will best be accomplished by proceeding only in Docket 97-00309 and by closing the other two dockets.

BellSouth objects to any treatment of its motion that would bifurcate the relief sought into more than one docket. Rather BellSouth believes it is appropriate that these matters to be resolved solely in Docket 97-00309, the docket in which the motion was properly filed.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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EXHIBIT

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

June 3, 2004

In Re: *BellSouth's Motion For The Establishment Of A New
Performance Assurance*
Docket 04-00150

MOTION TO CLOSE DOCKET

On May 13, 2004, BellSouth filed a motion in Docket 97-00309 for the adoption of a new performance assurance plan, as it was entitled to do pursuant to the order implementing the 271 Settlement in that docket. BellSouth believes that Docket 97-00309 is the appropriate docket in which to review this matter, and no party has objected to addressing these matters within this docket. In fact, in its response filed on May 20, 2004, CompSouth expressly noted its agreement that Docket 97-00309 is the proper docket which to evaluate BellSouth's petition or "any Motion to amend the current plan", in light of the significant record already established in that docket. See CompSouth Response at page 2, note 2. Consequently, there was never any need to address BellSouth's filing in any other docket, and BellSouth believes that the opening of a new docket (04-00150) was merely a procedural error. Similarly, there is no need for activity related to this matter to be conducted in Docket 01-00193.

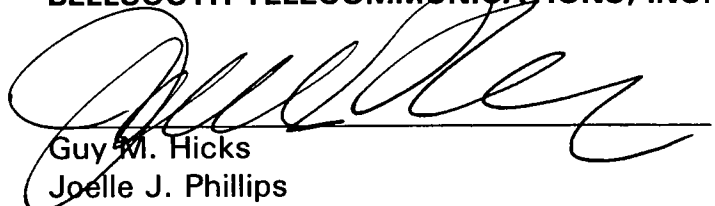
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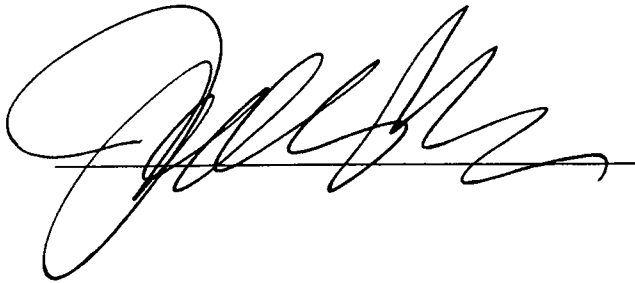
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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

June 3, 2004

In Re: *Docket to Establish Generic Performance Measurements, Benchmarks and Enforcement Mechanisms for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*
Docket No. 01-00193

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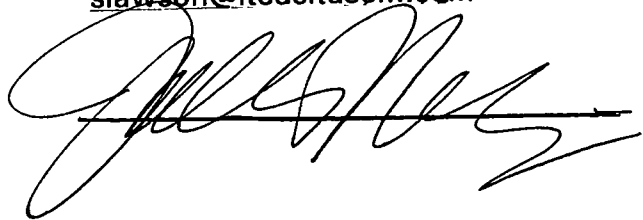
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